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MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1976

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, PROCLAIMER OF

MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

PARCELS 54 and 56

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority adopt a Minor Modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to Disposition Parcels 54 and 56, and that the Authority authorize the Director to proclaim by Certificate this Minor Modification.

Disposition Parcel 54 is located at Harrison Avenue, Wareham Street, and East Canton Street in the South End Urban Renewal Area and contains some 143,985 square feet. Disposition Parcel 56 is located between East Canton Street and East Dedham Street in the South End Urban Renewal Area and contains some 28,668 square feet. Section 602 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan calls for Parcel 54 to be developed for Residential, Institutional, or Commercial use and Parcel 56 for Off-Street Parking use. The Authority owns only two small vacant lots containing 6,938 square feet in Parcel 56.

The New England Nuclear Corporation, the designated developer for Parcels 47 and 56, has acquired the remaining land which is presently used as a parking area. New England Nuclear has submitted a proposal for the development of a 45,000 square foot laboratory building on Parcel 47 and parking adjacent on Parcel 56. In order to successfully implement this program, New England Nuclear requires the use of the vacant land owned by the Corporation (some 7,400 square feet) presently within the boundaries of Parcel 54.

In order to permit this action, Parcels 54 and 56 should be altered as follows:

- 1) The easterly boundary of Parcel 54, between East Canton and and East Dedham Streets, shall be located at Andrews Street;
- 2) The westerly boundary of Parcel 56, between East Canton and East Dedham Streets, shall be located at Andrews Street;
- 3) The proposed right-of-way between East Canton and East Dedham Streets shall be eliminated and the land allocated to Parcel 56.

Finally, it is requested that the Director be authorized to proclaim, by Certificate, this minor modification.

The proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO, MASS. R-56 AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE MINOR MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcels $5^{\frac{1}{4}}$ and 56 are consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Sections 61 and 62 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment:

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT SUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

- 1. That Map No. 3 "Reuse Parcels" is hereby modified locating the easterly boundary of Parcel 54 at Andrews Street. (map attached)
- 2. That Map No. 3 "Reuse Parcels" is hereby further modified by locating the westerly boundary of Parcel 56 at Andrews Street. (map attached)
- 3. That Map No. 5 "Proposed Rights-of-Way" be modified by eliminating the proposed right-of-way between East Canton and East Dedham Streets.
- 4. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
- 5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
- 6. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
- 7. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by Certificate these minor modifications of the Plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated June 3, 1970.



